

Good afternoon. My name is Jane O'Dea and I am the Heritage Advisor – Planning for the Otago and Southland office of Heritage New Zealand, based in Dunedin.

Heritage New Zealand's primary interest in the Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan is with ensuring that the Plan provides an appropriate framework for the management of historic heritage resources where these could be impacted by activities managed by the proposed Plan.

Secondly, Heritage New Zealand is keen to ensure that the approach taken to historic heritage management in the Plan aligns as far as possible with the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 in relation to regulating damage and modification to archaeological sites, without creating unnecessary regulatory overlap or duplication.

Whilst I consider it important that the Council is aware of the issue of potential duplication of regulatory functions, as outlined in my statement Heritage New Zealand would accept the relief sought by Ngai Tahu, this being the reference to 'sites listed in Te Tangi a Taurira' within the definition of 'recorded historic heritage sites' if it is decided that this is the most appropriate means of managing effects on sites of cultural significance.

Another main point covered in my written statement concerns objective 13. Heritage New Zealand prefers the notified version of this objective which acknowledges that, in enabling the use of land and soils, adverse effects on amenity, cultural and heritage values should be addressed by avoiding, support the economic, social and cultural well-being of the region. Simply enabling the use of land and soils without qualification may not support economic, social and cultural well-being as is implied by the wording proposed in the section 42A report.

In relation to Farm Management Plans, Heritage New Zealand requests that the notified version of Appendix N be adopted insofar as it requires the location of any known recorded historic heritage site to be identified. This is a straightforward information and awareness tool which will contribute towards the integrated management of heritage resources and would not result in any additional regulatory requirements.

I support the inclusion of Schedule X at paragraph 10.42 of the section 42A report. The inclusion of this advice regarding how the accidental discovery of archaeological sites should be managed will ensure that the Plan aligns with the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 without introducing additional regulation through the Plan itself.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.

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